



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-1905, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

6/3/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Schuler Contracting, LLC (WBE), to provide one inch river rock, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,006,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program and subcontractor goals were applied to the solicitation. The subcontracting goals were met, and the resulting contract will include 1.60% Combined MBE/WBE participation).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water; Austin Fire Department; Building Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$133,733 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of various City Departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 DCM1036 for these goods. The solicitation issued on January 25, 2021 and it closed on March 11, 2021. Of the seven offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134858)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134858>.

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Diana McIntosh, at 512-974-2034 or Diana.McIntosh@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Diana.McIntosh@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 5, 2021 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote, with two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide 1" river rock for multiple city departments. Austin Water is the main department and

uses the river rock in the repair of waterlines as a bedding material for pipe to prevent sagging and movement of pipe once the repairs have been completed. The 1" river rock is smooth and rounded and is used to cover the waterlines which are wrapped in plastic to prevent tearing of the plastic cover. The Building Services Department and the Austin Fire Department occasionally also use the 1" river rock for various types of projects. This contract provides for both pickup by the City as well as delivery when necessary.

This contract will replace the current contract which expires on July 11, 2021. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend. The recommended contractor is a City certified Women-owned Business Enterprise.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the City will be forced to buy these items on an as-needed basis, which may result in higher prices and additional operational costs.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Contract Authorization</u>
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$1,156,400
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 416,400
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 433,200
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$2,006,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety; Mobility.